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President's Message

I'm sorry, Jim and I could not be at the Saturday morning portion of Field Day. Jim's Family Reunion was Saturday July 26 in Baton Rouge.

Seems like ham fest slows down a bit in the summer. That's good because this heat can really get to a person. It's a lot of fun traveling to different cities and states. We make mini vacations out of a lot of the trips. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones are always a treat. Jim and I are both retired and both love traveling, so that's right down our alley.

Well, June 19, I got my first lesson on cigars. We were spending a few days vacationing in Bossier City and while looking around in different shops, we visited a cigar shop, and found out that there are many kinds of cigars. Some sale for as much as \$100.00 each while there are others that sale for \$1000.00 each. Can you imagine paying that much for a cigar. I say that's people that have money to burn. We also learned how they must be kept at a certain temperature and humidity in special controlled cases. They are aged just like fine wine. This man had some that were made with tobacco from the 1926 tobacco crop.

I find that lots of things are very interesting when I take time to find out the details. I took my first tour of a casino in Bossier City. I was not impressed with the gambling at all. I kept asking myself the question, 'how can these people keep feeding their hard earned money into those machines and it keeps gobbling it all up?' That's not my
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One Hamfest I Will Never Forget

by Herman Campbell - KN5GRK

There are many hamfests around, some are large, some average, some small. The ARCS / Central Hurricane Net Picnic / Hamfest held on June 5, 2010 is one of the best I think I have attended. Most would consider it a small hamfest but you must take in the fact that a lot of fellowship and fun takes place at this one, making it a "Special" hamfest.

The reason I will remember this one, is the fun part.

The Whole Story

While listening to the pre-net chatter just prior to Gulf Coast Sideband Net on 3925 KHz, I overheard Cecil Harper W5CQG (Hamfest Chairperson) mention that he was making two "cherry pies". Me, being that cherry pie is my favorite, opened my big mouth and told Cecil that cherry pie is my favorite and if it was a "good" one, that I wouldn't mind getting one in the face. Cecil replied, "that can be arranged"! A couple of nights later, Cecil made the remark that I had volunteered to take a cherry pie in the face at the hamfest. I replied, "no, no, I had not volunteered, that I just said I would not mind getting hit in the face with a "good cherry pie". I also said, "if I am going to get hit in the face with a cherry pie, it would have to be thrown by Virginia Bryant KE5DJA and the pie had better be good"! Cecil said, "that can be arranged too"! So I then agreed.

The pie throwing is a "fund raising event" for the club. Last year, it was Bill Garvy, Jr. WB5LYB who received the pie from Josie Jacobs W5JPJ. This year Bill took another pie, and the club president Dave Cochran N0TRQ also took a pie. Donations had to exceed \$100 plus in order for the event to take place, I think donations exceeded the minimum, because the pies were thrown.

A auction was held on some radio items donated to the club, a table with a bunch of really nice, pretty pies went on the auction block and sold like "hot cakes" at some good prices.

I think next year this event will even be larger. I met a lot of people I talk with on the radio, had never made a "eye to eye" QSO with.

IT WAS A FUN DAY!

73 de Herman KN5GRK



Virginia, just before Herman gets the pie!



DATES TO REMEMBER**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday July 1st @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE**Ozone ARC Hamfest 2010**

Slidell, Louisiana
July 17, 2010

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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Beginners Series Part 3 - HT Accessories

by David Aubuchon—KDØBZO

This series is all opinion of what I have experienced and learned in the 3 years since my license grant in November 2007. Particularly emphasizing information and equipment pertaining to handheld transceivers also known as handy talkies or 'HT's.' This is all opinion about what a new technician licensee should think about when they are in the process, going to purchase a new radio and / or equipment, and where to seek information.

Part 3 – HT Accessories

A new technician licensee has done a lot of research on what he / she would like to do with their transceiver and came to a conclusion on purchasing a handheld transceiver. He / she have done a lot of research from where to purchase the radio, in order to get the most "bang for the buck." He / she have used it for a few days now and if it is a Kenwood F6A, they probably have found the same downside as I have; the factory accessories are neither adequate nor sufficient. This article will discuss many ways to fix the accessory problem and the options available. Some accessories discussed are antennas, mounting options, and clips.

The first accessory for a handheld station that will be discussed is antennas, particularly for a Kenwood F6A for both HT stations and mobile stations. When purchasing a new antenna, keep in mind that some connectivity problems may arise, but most times an adapter can be used to solve the problem. As a HT Station, I was not able to reach the St. Charles Amateur Radio Club's [SCARC] repeater from inside my home with the factory rubber duck antenna. But after some research on my own, I found a nice dual band SMA connection antenna from High Sierra [http://www.hamcq.com/vhf-uhf-scanner-handheld-hdtv-antennas/dual-band-handheld-antenna-with-sma-connector/prod_171.html] for \$10 [now it's \$11.73]. After I bought and installed the new antenna, the problem went away and I was able to be a good distance from the repeater and chat as if I were sitting under the repeater.

Secondly, I wanted to use my new radio as a mobile station. Again, I researched the issue and I found High Sierra's VHF/UHF Dual Band NMO Antenna [http://www.hamcq.com/vhf-uhf-scanner-handheld-hdtv-antennas/vhf/uhf-dual-band-nmo-antenna/prod_121.html] to fit me very well for another \$10 advertisement special price [now it's \$22.00]. After I purchased the antenna, I needed a way to connect it to my radio because the antenna was NMO and my radio is SMA. I then bought a 5 inch magnetic mount with UHF connection from High Sierra [http://www.hamcq.com/antenna-mounts/nmo-antenna-mounts/magnet-mount-5-inch-nmo/prod_120.html] for \$15 [now it's \$22] because it took the NMO antenna and had an UHF male connection on it. That did not help me, and like I mentioned before, there was another connection problem. I then bought an UHF female to SMA male adapter from High Sierra [http://www.hamcq.com/the-coax-connection-coax-connectors-cables-coax-tools/uhf-connectors-pl259-so239-various-adapters/sma-male-to-uhf-female-adapter/prod_323.html] for \$5 [now it's \$4] to finally get this setup to work in my vehicle. Before I knew it, I was able to travel even farther from the repeater and carry great conversations from a good distance.

The second accessory for a handheld station that will be discussed is mounting options. As before, I learned that converting from a handy talkie station to a mobile station may require a connection different from what you already have, but an adapter may just do the trick...eventually. The first mounting accessory option is magnetic, like the one mentioned earlier. These are very versatile options and very handy to own. Through my experience, I have used it not only as a primary mobile antenna mount, but I have also used it on other vehicles for events that I have participated.

Also keep in mind some problems may arise with magnetic mounts. I say this because my magnetic mount has caused some damage to my vehicle's trunk. In my haste to convert my HT to a mobile station, I did not do the research of what I really wanted nor what were my options. Thusly, my quick fix came back to bite me...well my vehicle. Some dirt had gotten under the magnetic mount, and when I removed the powerful magnet, it had put a big scratched on my trunk. If you are thinking about purchasing a magnetic mount, look into getting a mount that includes what is called a rubber boot; Laird Tech sells only the 4 inch magnetic mounts and rubber boots to fit them [<http://lairdtech.thomasnet.com/item/mobile-mounts-and-magnetic-mounts/magnetic-mounts/pn-4759?&seo=110&bc=100|3001622|3001626|3001601|3001358|3001300|3001296>]. I also want to mention some advice I received as I was driving home last December, I happened to stumble onto the Memphis, Tennessee Amateur Radio club's weekly morning net. During the conversation, someone suggested that I try and use some plastic protective paint on the underside of the magnetic mount to protect a car's finish. I have not yet tried this because I do not want to risk the protective paint destroying my vehicle's paint; I would personally rather sell my magnetic mount and then purchase one from Laird Tech or a similar company.

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June 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

MEETING:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by the Club President Irma KE5UPK.

The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK. Herman asked that the club keep Rick N5RLM, Joy N5YCS and Joy's son Dennis in our prayers. Also, Herman asked that we remember Maureena KB5SMX, recovering from recent surgery and hospital stay in our prayers. Furthermore, Herman asked for prayers for the people affected by the Gulf Oil Spill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 28 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

Introductions: All of the attendees gave their names, call signs, marital status, number of children, grandchildren, etc. and home location.

Interesting Contacts: Jim N5NVP stated that he had a Special Events contact in Bulgaria. It was for the Preservation of Roses.

Minutes: The May Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the LARC Newsletter, no amendments noted.

Financial Report: The May 10th Financial report was read Joy N5YCS. Any club member wanting a copy can contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org.

Old Business: Archie W5AG stated that the Field Day equipment shake-out was successful, but there are lingering problems with the larger 5 KW Onan generator which makes it un-reliable at this time. Archie mentioned that the club should rent a 5 KW generator (\$55.00) for Field Day, a member vote accepted to do so. The renting of a Port-a-Potty (\$135.00) for Field Day was rejected by the membership.

New Business: The Club meeting focused primarily on the purchase of a new club generator. After much discussion, Irma KE5UPK decided that a committee should be formed to evaluate the types, costs, and abilities of a new 5 KW continuous power generator. Dick WA6MDI and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP volunteered to take on this responsibility and report back to the club during July's meeting.

Guest Speaker: After breaking for sandwiches and drinks, Larry KE5KJD gave a Power Point presentation on Antenna Modeling.

Larry did a great job and spent a lot of time putting this together.

Door Prizes:

1. Danny KD5JSM received a DVD and a VHS video.
2. Paul K5VSH received a DVD and a VHS video.
3. Joy N5YCS received a Extra Class Manual, DVD, an lady's present donated by Irma's.
4. Roger W5QEP received an Emergency Response Kit and a surprise present.
5. Weston KB5WI received an Emergency Response Kit and a surprise present.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

June 3, 2010 VE Test Results:

Here is the results of the last VE session on June 3.

George H. Kress KE5GTR of Sulphur, LA upgraded to General.

Kirk H. Crain KE5UZZ of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General.

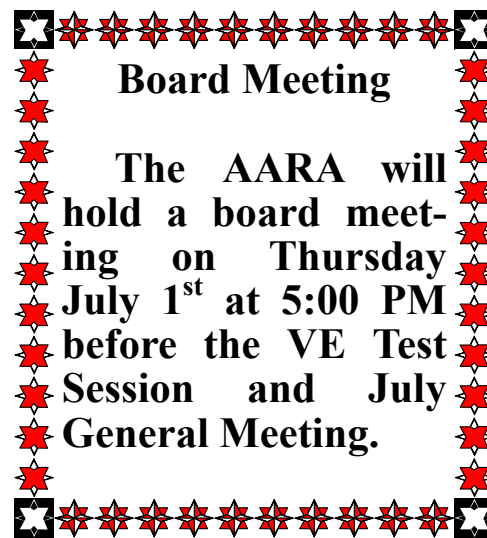
Boisy G. Pitre of Opelousas, LA passed Technician. Assigned KE5HEL.

The VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Mitch Romero KB5TWL
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Archie Hill W5AG

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Danny K5ARH



Antenna Parties Needed

Lately, I spoke to Nick Pugh K5QXJ and he mentioned that the tower (2 sections of Rohn 25) at the QTH of Silent Key James Dugal N5KNX was donated to the club and needs to be taken down. He also said the antennas on the roof of the Children's Museum of Acadiana need some repair.

John Martin W5SE formally KA5BSE now also a Silent Key has a Rohn 25 tower with a hazer to be taken down as per John's widow Maureena KB5SMX. She has a buyer for it. I may already been taken down by the time you read this newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer to help with these projects, contact Nick K5QXJ or Herman KN5GRK to set up a date and time.

New Louisiana Amateur Radio Vanity License Plate Wording Law Passed

The Governor has signed the Amateur Radio license plate law that changes the wording on the license plates. It is Act 12 of the 2010 Legislative session. The effective date is probably the end of August but after that the new license plates should be available.

Our thanks to Senator Conrad Appel W5CHA, Senate District 9 for his help in introducing and facilitating this bill and to Keith Barnes W5KB for initiating the successful debate.

Gary Stratton K5GLS—Louisiana ARRL Section Manager

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Regular Session, 2010
SENATE BILL NO. 15
BY SENATOR APPEL

ENROLLED

ACT No. 12

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact the title to Part II-B of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the
3 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 47:491(A)(1) and (6) and 492(A),
4 (B), and (E), relative to amateur radio station operators; to provide for changing
5 the design of a prestige license plate from "~~HAM~~ Operator" to "Amateur Radio";
6 and to provide for related matters.
7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8 Section 1. The title to Part II-B of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the
9 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 47:491(A)(1) and (6), and 492(A), (B), and (E)
10 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
11 PART II-B. ~~HAM~~ **AMATEUR** RADIO STATION LICENSE PLATES
12 §491. Legislative findings
13 A. (1) The legislature finds that amateur or "~~ham~~" radio station operators
14 have had the privilege of having their own identifiable plates since 1951.
15 * * *
16 (6) The legislature concludes from these findings that the state has a
17 legitimate governmental interest in the issuance of amateur or "~~ham~~" radio station
18 license plates to owners or operators as a way to recognize amateur radio station
19 owners or operators and to raise public awareness of their valuable service to the
20 public. The legislature further concludes that for these reasons the plates are
21 issued in accordance with a "narrow, objective, and definitive standard" as is
22 recommended by the *Henderson vs. Stalder*, 265 F.Supp.2d 699 (E.D. La., 2003)
23 decision.
24 §492. ~~Ham~~ **Amateur** radio station plates for owners and operators.

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SB NO. 15

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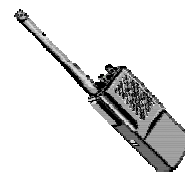
1 A. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to ~~ham~~ **amateur**
2 radio station owners or operators.
3 B. Upon application of a ~~ham~~ **an amateur** radio station owner or operator,
4 the secretary shall issue a ~~ham~~ **an amateur** radio station plate, to be used in lieu
5 of the regular motor vehicle registration license plates, which shall be inscribed
6 with the official call letters of the ~~ham~~ **an amateur** radio station owned or operated
7 by such applicant, as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission, and
8 the designation "~~HAM~~ Operator" "**Amateur Radio**". The applicant shall comply
9 with the state laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and
10 shall, at the time of application, present such proof of his status as a ~~ham~~ **an**
11 **amateur** radio station owner or operator as shall be acceptable to the secretary.
12 * * *
13 E. On the application of any person who is a ~~ham~~ **an amateur** radio
14 station owner or operator and who is also either a mobility impaired person as
15 defined in R.S. 47:463.4(E) or a disabled veteran as defined in R.S. 47:490.4, the
16 secretary shall issue to such applicant a special license plate in accordance with
17 Subsection A of this Section which shall contain the appropriate symbol
18 indicating that the applicant is also a mobility impaired person or a disabled
19 veteran.
20 * * *

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE _____

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES _____

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA _____

APPROVED: _____



2010 Slidell Hamfest

Sponsored by the Ozone Amateur Radio Club

Date: Saturday, July 17, 2010

Time: 8 AM—2:30 PM

Location: John Slidell Park Gym,
105 Robert Blvd, Slidell, LA (note
new location from last year).
Plenty of parking in front.

Talk-in: 147.27/87 PL 114.8

Admission: \$5.00 (includes one
raffle ticket).

Commercial Dealers: ICOM,
MFJ, Cedar City, YLRL, MCM
Computers, Bamcom & Sign Man
of Baton Rouge.

Flea Market:

All tables are \$7.00 each for 3x8
and 2 chairs.

VE TESTING—QLF CONTEST—
FORUMS—CARD CHECKER
(WAS etc.)

Main Prizes:

1st - Icom IC-706 MKIIG - HF/
VHF/UHF

2nd - Icom IC-2200H - 2 Meter
Mobile

3rd - Icom IC-V85 - 2 Meter HT

* GREAT HOURLY PRIZES AND
LADIES RAFFLE.

Hamfest VE Test Session:

We are planning to have a test
session for all classes during the
Hamfest. However, the test ses-
sion will be off site.

At this time the test session is
just a few blocks away from the
hamfest. The Latter Day Saints
Storehouse will be the location of
the test sessions. The address is
480 Robert Blvd. Proper ID etc will
be needed.

Contact:

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Hamfest Chairperson
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Ozone Amateur Radio Club web-
site:

<http://www.w5sla.net/>

Beginners Series Part 3 - HT Accessories (continued from page 2 column 2)

The second mounting accessory option is a trunk lip. Earlier this year, I was looking into upgrading from my 5 inch NMO style magnetic mount, which was affixed to my vehicle's truck, to a lip mount that would be installed quickly and easily. I decided that the lip mount would be my permanent fixture. I got the Maxrad TC mount with the SMA Male Right Angle Connector Installed from The Antenna Farm [http://www.theantennafarm.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=264_267&products_id=1170] for \$19.95 plus the extra option for \$15 (totaling \$34.95 plus shipping). If I did my research when I wanted to upgrade to a mobile station, this ultimately would have been purchased. This is an awesome deal and I am very happy with this purchase. The product arrived and within ten minutes, I had my new mount on my vehicle and have not taken it off since.

The third mounting accessory option is brackets. I personally have not yet purchased one, but plan to in the future. I have, however, seen these used on many trucks with CB gear attached. I plan to use a NMO bracket on an external frame backpack that would be connected to my F6A during a camping trip. Many places sell the NMO style either installed or included (do it yourself), but few give you many options as to what connector is included. Again, I would purchase one from The Antenna Farm because they can install the SMA Male connector at a reasonable price. Doing this would mean that I would not need an adapter from the usual UHF to SMA connector and it would be more convenient.

The fourth mounting accessory option is drilling. This literally means that one would have to drill a hole in the exterior of their vehicle to create a place for the style of their liking. Since I have a newer vehicle, I would not even think of doing this. If I had an older and more "mature" vehicle; I would definitely install something as permanent as a drilled hole in the metal shell of a vehicle. If you are considering doing this, there are however, YouTube instructional and personal installation videos to watch as you decide whether or not to do this.

The fifth and final mounting accessory option is window glass. This may be a good option for someone who is beginning the hobby, but seek advice from someone who has an On-Glass Mount because I am unfamiliar with how this works and what kind of performance to anticipate. I do know that HRO sells one that is manufactured by Larsen Antennas (Item: KG-2/70-CX-PL) for \$119.95 plus shipping. However, MFJ [<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-1734>] sells one for \$44.95 plus shipping. If you want something different you can get what is called a Window Clip through Bux Comm [http://www.buxcomm.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=863] for \$10.95 plus shipping. Still another option is called a Clip Mount, again through Bux Comm [http://www.buxcomm.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=860], for \$11.95 plus shipping.

The third and final accessory for a handheld station that will be discussed is clips. I will only briefly discuss two types. The first is the factory clip that comes with most handheld transceivers, specifically the F6A. It is a metal clip that does not have any opening mechanism. It opens through the user using either force or through spreading the metal piece apart with their thumb and forefinger.

The second clip is an aftermarket clip. It was designed for the Kenwood TK2180 / TK3180 Business / Commercial Radio, but I got an opportunity to test it on my personal F6A and it fits perfectly. If you have a Kenwood F6A you can purchase the Kenwood 2.5 Inch Belt Clip (KBH-11) from The Radio Freq [<http://www.theradiofreq.com/servlet/the-602/KBH-dsh-11%2CSpring%2C-action%2C-belt%2C-clip%2CKenwood%2C/Detail>] for \$14 plus shipping. This is different from the Kenwood Low Profile Belt Clip (KBH-10) [<http://www.theradiofreq.com/servlet/the-603/KBH-dsh-10%2CLow%2C-Profile%2C-Belt%2C-Clip%2CKenwood/Detail>] because I have not had a chance to try it on my F6A, and I kind of like what I have better than the KBH-10 style.

In conclusion, there are a lot of different accessories for all types of radios. I just mentioned a few that work well for the F6A. Accessories for all types of radios come at different prices, but do not let that stop you from purchasing something at a reasonable price that is exactly what you would like. These items mentioned were all under \$20 each and still, 3 years later for some, work very well under different situations.

73!

David Aubuchon

Kilo Delta Zero Bravo Zulu Oscar [KD0BZO]



EVERYONE HAVE A VERY SAFE & FUN 4TH OF JULY!

President's Message (continued from page 1)

my thing for sure! It was my first time in the cafeteria also. The food was good, but as far as the gambling, well I guess I would be a sore loser. When it comes to making bets or taking chances with my money, I'd rather keep what I know I have.

On another subject; **DREAMS FOUNDATION OF ACADIANA** is a foundation for handicapped Boy and Girl Scouts. Mrs. Donielle Watkins said they look for activities for the boys and girls to get involved in. Jim and I told her about ham radio for children. She asked if the club could give a demonstration for them so they could get an idea of how they could get involved. She thinks they would be very interested. We also told her about the Children's Museum here in Lafayette and she said that she wasn't aware of it. I think it would be a very good thing for Hams in the Acadiana area to be able to interface with the youth of our area similar to what the annual Jamboree On-The-Air does during their international Scouting event each year.

Also I want to remind all the board members that there will be a board meeting Thursday, July 1st at 5:00 PM before our monthly business meeting.

73's

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AARA 2010 Field Day

Well, it looks like another HOT & HUMID Field Day has come and gone, luckily no one succumbed to the weather and all seemed to enjoyed this weekend. Seems like the ARRL would have this event in the spring or fall, not at this time of the year especially along the Gulf Coast during hurricane season or when the mosquitoes are biting. I know part of what we are doing is training for such a occasion, but doe we have to go overboard?

Our chairperson for this event, Archie Hill W5AG did an outstanding job in putting this event, it was his first time. Archie commended everyone for doing his/her parts in setting up/taking down and feeding the crew. Records show that we had 39 that signed the roster, of these were 11 ARES members, The Daily Advertiser (which had a spread of the event in the Sunday June 27 issue), a newsperson from KLFY-TV 10, which aired some footage on their Saturday evening news program, a member of the Rayne Police Department and maybe a few other officials that might have slipped by our crew. We THANK YOU ALL!

A further report on our Field Day activities will be in he August issue of the LARC as information is still coming in from our resources. I will however put a few pictures in this issue to help fill up some space, Hi Hi!

Chuck Davis KE5ZZM put a helium filled WX balloon up with a antenna and a wireless color camera on Sunday. Hopefully we will have some pictures from the camera in the next issue of the LARC.

Here are some pictures taken by Karen KE5RPI and Herman KN5GRK for your enjoyment.



Field Day Chairperson—Archie Hill W5AG

Patrolman Larry—Rayne Police Dept.

July 2010 Special Events & Contests

| | |
|---------------|--|
| July 6-11 | N5UDE-Nude Awareness Celebration/Nude Recreation-Austin, TX. |
| July 9 | FISTS Summer Sprint (CW) |
| July 10 | IARU HF World Championship (Phone/CW) |
| July 11 | Straight Key Weekend Sprint (CW) |
| July 17 | K8V-Berry Observatory On The Air-Defiance, OH. |
| July 17 & 18 | NA RTTY QSO Party (CW) |
| July 17 & 18 | W0NOZ-Laura Ingalls Wilder Pagent-DeSmet, SD. |
| July 24 & 25 | IOTA Contest (Phone/CW) |
| July 24 & 25 | K9G-Suborbital Flight of Virgil "Gus" Grissom-Mitchell, IN. |
| July 24-26 | W9IMS-Brickyard 400-Indianapolis Motor Speedway. |
| July 31-Aug 1 | K4CG-220th Birthday of the US Coast Guard. |

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the July 2010 issue of QST on pages 80 and 98-99.



2010 BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|------|----------|--------|
| 7/01 | ED | WA5TNK |
| 7/01 | CHARLES | K5UA |
| 7/02 | EUGENE | WA5KNC |
| 7/18 | JOY | N5YCS |
| 7/22 | RICK | N5RLM |
| 7/23 | RALPH | WB5GAF |
| 7/27 | CALVIN | KD5JCT |
| 8/02 | VIRGINIA | KE5DJA |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

AARA New Members

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. would like to welcome the following new members to our club.

David Bienvenu - KC5DPL
Kendra Wilson - KF5FYS
Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP

NOTICE

I have not received any definite decisions from anyone to pick up the LARC Newsletter beginning the 1ST of the year.

The December 2010 will be my last issue.

I use MS Publisher for my program to do the LARC. I will do some training if you plan to use Publisher, but PLEASE don't wait for the last minute.

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June 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|---|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 4 | 37 | 1 | 77 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 3 | 41 | 0 | 63 | KF5CNU Grant |
| Acadiana ARES Net | | | | | N5LRZ Ray |
| Vermillion Parish ARES Net | 4 | 31 | 0 | 61 | KE5JXC Arnold |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 1 | * M 3 / G 5 | 0 | 5 | KE5JKD Larry |

Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value. Albert Einstein

More Shots of our AARA 2010 Field Day (more to follow next month)



Operating inside the AMOS Van



KLFY-TV News Reporter Karla Leveque



Boisy KF5HEL, Glen KF5FNP, Larry & Fred



ARRL Handout Table



Herman KN5GRK at EchoLink & Talk-in Station



Danny KD5JSM operating the GOTA Station



Grant KF5CNU operating from AMOS Van



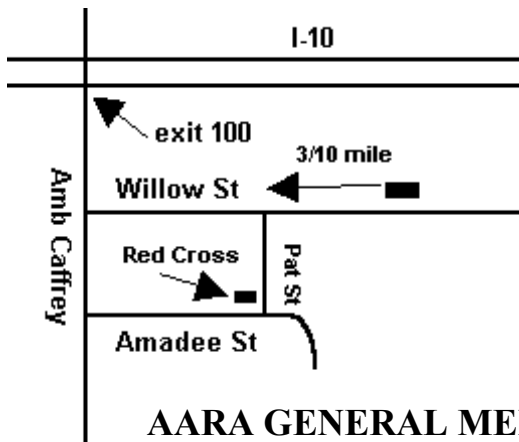
AMOS Van and some of our club members



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AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, July 1, 2010 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE



Reuben Dogs (4th of July)

from: kitchendaily.com

- 4 all-beef big franks
- 4 tsp. spicy brown mustard
- 12 slices deli pastrami
- 4 sourdough French rolls halved horizontally and toasted
- 4 slices Swiss cheese cut in half diagonally
- 1 cup prepared sauerkraut
- * Thousand Island salad dressing



DIRECTIONS:

Set up grill for direct cooking over medium heat (see page ??). Oil grate when ready to start cooking. Spread each frank on all sides with 1 teaspoon mustard. Wrap three slices of the pastrami around each frank.

Grill pastrami-wrapped franks on hot oiled grill. Cook for 12 to 16 minutes or until heated through turning frequently. Serve franks hot on toasted French rolls with sliced cheese and sauerkraut. Top with Thousand Island salad dressing.

INDOOR METHOD: Prepare franks as directed. Pre-heat broiler. Place franks on a wire rack over a foil-lined baking sheet or broiler pan. Cook 6 to 8 inches from heat source for 12 to 16 minutes turning frequently. Serve as directed.

Send your favorite recipes to:
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